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South Carolina's Employment Situation
June 2017

Unemployment rate hits 4 percent, number of unemployed drops 4,800

The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell for the third consecutive month to its lowest level since December 2000. The June rate dropped to 4 percent from 4.1 percent in May.

The number of unemployed people dropped in June by 4,816 to 91,710, the lowest level since February 2001. The state's labor force decreased by 6,905 people to 2,321,592, as the number of people working declined by 2,089 to 2,229,882.

Since June 2016, the labor force has grown by 24,625, and employment gains totaled 45,949. The level of unemployed people decreased by 21,324.

Nationally, the unemployment rate increased from 4.3 percent in May to 4.4 percent in June. South Carolina's unemployment rate has remained below the national rate for 12 consecutive months.

Nonfarm Employment by Industry (Seasonally Adjusted[1])
Seasonally adjusted, nonfarm payroll employment in June 2017 increased by 500 over the month to a level of 2,080,000.
- Job gains were recorded in Manufacturing (+1,600); Professional and Business Services (+600); Education and Health Services (+500); Government (+400); and Financial Activities (+200).
- Industries with decreases in employment were Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-900); Leisure and Hospitality (-700); Construction (-600); Other Services (-400); and Information (-100).

Compared to June 2016, seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs were up 29,700.
- Industries with gains were Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+8,800); Manufacturing (+8,500); Education and Health Services (+3,900); Construction (+3,300); Professional and Business Services (+3,000); Government (+2,800); Leisure and Hospitality (+1,200); and Financial Activities (+300).
- Decreases were reported in Other Services (-1,200) and Information (-1,000).

Nonfarm Employment by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted[2])

Not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm payroll employment increased by 1,300 from May to June for a total of 2,097,900.

- Growth was concentrated primarily in the Leisure and Hospitality (+4,600) sector. Increases also came from Professional and Business Services (+1,800); Manufacturing (+1,500); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+1,000); Financial Activities (+1,000); and Construction (+600). Mining and Logging and Information saw no changes. Government (-5,200); Education and Health Services (-3,100); and Other Services (-900) experienced decreases.

Since June 2016, not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs were up 30,200 overall in South Carolina.

- Industries marking annual gains were Manufacturing (+8,400); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+8,100); Professional and Business Services (+6,400); Construction (+4,200); Education and Health Services (+3,100); and Government (+2,300). Additional gains were in Leisure and Hospitality (+500) and Mining and Logging (+200).
- Decreases occurred in the Other Services (-1,800); Information (-1,000); and Financial Activities (-200) sectors.

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[1]**Seasonally Adjusted:** Seasonal adjustment removes the effects of events that follow a more or less regular pattern each year (i.e. tourist-related hiring and school closings in the summer). These adjustments make it easier to observe the cyclical and other nonseasonal movements in data over time.

[2]**Not Seasonally Adjusted**: Effects of regular or seasonal patterns have <u>not</u> been removed from these data.

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NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Statewide
June 2017

Industry	June 2017	May 2017	June 2016	May 2017 to June 2017		June 2016 to June 2017	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	*2,080,000*	*2,079,500*	*2,050,300*	*500*	*0.02%*	*29,700*	*1.45%*
Construction	97,600	98,200	94,300	-600	-0.61%	3,300	3.50%
Manufacturing	246,100	244,500	237,600	1,600	0.65%	8,500	3.58%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	401,700	402,600	392,900	-900	-0.22%	8,800	2.24%
Information	26,000	26,100	27,000	-100	-0.38%	-1,000	-3.70%
Financial Activities	100,200	100,000	99,900	200	0.20%	300	0.30%
Professional and Business Services	271,700	271,100	268,700	600	0.22%	3,000	1.12%
Education and Health Services	245,400	244,900	241,500	500	0.20%	3,900	1.61%
Leisure and Hospitality	247,900	248,600	246,700	-700	-0.28%	1,200	0.49%
Other Services	73,100	73,500	74,300	-400	-0.55%	-1,200	-1.62%
Government	366,000	365,600	363,200	400	0.11%	2,800	0.77%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Statewide
June 2017

Industry	June 2017	May 2017	June 2016	May 2017 to June 2017		June 2016 to June 2017	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Total Nonfarm	*2,097,900*	*2,096,600*	*2,067,700*	*1,300*	*0.06%*	*30,200*	*1.46%*
Mining and Logging	4,400	4,400	4,200	0	0.00%	200	4.76%
Construction	99,700	99,100	95,500	600	0.61%	4,200	4.40%
Manufacturing	246,500	245,000	238,100	1,500	0.61%	8,400	3.53%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	403,200	402,200	395,100	1,000	0.25%	8,100	2.05%
Information	26,200	26,200	27,200	0	0.00%	-1,000	-3.68%
Financial Activities	101,000	100,000	101,200	1,000	1.00%	-200	-0.20%
Professional and Business Services	275,400	273,600	269,000	1,800	0.66%	6,400	2.38%
Education and Health Services	242,700	245,800	239,600	-3,100	-1.26%	3,100	1.29%
Leisure and Hospitality	261,300	256,700	260,800	4,600	1.79%	500	0.19%
Other Services	73,100	74,000	74,900	-900	-1.22%	-1,800	-2.40%
Government	364,400	369,600	362,100	-5,200	-1.41%	2,300	0.64%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

South Carolina & Metropolitan Seasonally Adjusted
June 2017

Area	June 2017	May 2017	June 2016	May 2017 to June 2017 # Change	May 2017 to June 2017 % Change	June 2016 to June 2017 # Change	June 2016 to June 2017 % Change
Statewide	*2,080,000*	*2,079,500*	*2,050,300*	*500*	*0.02%*	*29,700*	*1.45%*
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	352,400	352,600	346,000	-200	-0.06%	6,400	1.85%
Columbia MSA	399,000	397,300	394,000	1,700	0.43%	5,000	1.27%
Florence MSA	90,100	89,700	87,200	400	0.44%	2,900	3.33%
Greenville/Anderson/Mauldin MSA	412,400	412,300	408,700	100	0.02%	3,700	0.91%
Myrtle Beach MSA	163,600	166,600	159,800	-3,000	-1.83%	3,800	2.38%
Spartanburg MSA	151,100	150,600	147,000	500	0.33%	4,100	2.79%
Sumter MSA	39,200	38,800	39,000	400	1.02%	200	0.51%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

South Carolina & Metropolitan Not Seasonally Adjusted
June 2017

Area	June 2017	May 2017	June 2016	May 2017 to June 2017 # Change	May 2017 to June 2017 % Change	June 2016 to June 2017 # Change	June 2016 to June 2017 % Change
Statewide	*2,097,900*	*2,096,600*	*2,067,700*	*1,300*	*0.06%*	*30,200*	*1.46%*
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	355,100	354,900	348,500	200	0.06%	6,600	1.89%
Columbia MSA	398,700	399,200	392,000	-500	-0.13%	6,700	1.71%
Florence MSA	89,900	90,200	87,300	-300	-0.33%	2,600	2.98%
Greenville MSA	413,300	414,400	409,600	-1,100	-0.27%	3,700	0.90%
Hilton Head Island/Bluffton MSA	79,900	78,600	78,500	1,300	1.65%	1,400	1.78%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	174,100	172,100	170,000	2,000	1.16%	4,100	2.41%
Spartanburg MSA	150,700	150,900	147,000	-200	-0.13%	3,700	2.52%
Sumter MSA	39,300	39,000	39,000	300	0.77%	300	0.77%

Note: *Employment estimates have been rounded to the nearest hundred. Sum of detail may not equal totals due to rounding or the exclusion of certain industries from publication. All data are subject to revision.*

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS BY COUNTY, MSA, AND STATE
(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

AREA		LABOR FORCE (June 2017)	EMPLOY-MENT (June 2017)	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL (June 2017)	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) (June 2017)	LABOR FORCE (May 2017)	EMPLOY-MENT (May 2017)	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL (May 2017)	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) (May 2017)	LABOR FORCE (June 2016)	EMPLOY-MENT (June 2016)	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL (June 2016)	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) (June 2016)
Bamberg County	↑	5,319	4,917	402	7.6	5,191	4,844	347	6.7	5,423	4,906	517	9.5
Allendale County	↑	2,713	2,524	189	7.0	2,636	2,468	168	6.4	2,770	2,524	246	8.9
Marion County	↑	12,991	12,087	904	7.0	12,754	11,963	791	6.2	13,039	11,924	1,115	8.6
Marlboro County	↑	9,288	8,645	643	6.9	9,111	8,585	526	5.8	9,458	8,609	849	9.0
Orangeburg County	↑	35,515	33,170	2,345	6.6	34,928	32,893	2,035	5.8	36,178	32,959	3,219	8.9
Williamsburg County	↑	12,751	11,947	804	6.3	12,487	11,839	648	5.2	12,864	11,854	1,010	7.9
Lee County	↑	6,622	6,230	392	5.9	6,478	6,147	331	5.1	6,661	6,163	498	7.5
Barnwell County	↑	8,417	7,925	492	5.8	8,276	7,849	427	5.2	8,497	7,877	620	7.3
Chester County	↑	14,025	13,211	814	5.8	13,867	13,165	702	5.1	13,858	12,826	1,032	7.4
Dillon County	↑	13,096	12,363	733	5.6	12,798	12,184	614	4.8	13,193	12,287	906	6.9
Fairfield County	↑	10,174	9,603	571	5.6	10,026	9,530	496	4.9	10,211	9,426	785	7.7
Clarendon County	↑	13,109	12,385	724	5.5	12,839	12,207	632	4.9	13,221	12,324	897	6.8
Sumter County	↑	44,717	42,345	2,372	5.3	43,844	41,815	2,029	4.6	44,715	41,896	2,819	6.3
Union County	↑	11,899	11,271	628	5.3	11,752	11,243	509	4.3	11,779	10,997	782	6.6
Darlington County	↑	30,926	29,306	1,620	5.2	30,502	29,131	1,371	4.5	30,496	28,481	2,015	6.6
Georgetown County	↑	26,167	24,839	1,328	5.1	25,719	24,550	1,169	4.5	26,312	24,609	1,703	6.5
Calhoun County	↑	7,024	6,683	341	4.9	6,913	6,618	295	4.3	6,982	6,562	420	6.0
Cherokee County	↑	23,685	22,544	1,141	4.8	23,475	22,487	988	4.2	23,797	22,314	1,483	6.2
Colleton County	↑	17,401	16,571	830	4.8	17,123	16,459	664	3.9	17,379	16,396	983	5.7
McCormick County	↑	3,440	3,280	160	4.7	3,395	3,264	131	3.9	3,442	3,252	190	5.5
Abbeville County	↑	10,393	9,914	479	4.6	10,293	9,892	401	3.9	10,452	9,843	609	5.8
Hampton County	↑	8,478	8,092	386	4.6	8,220	7,913	307	3.7	8,565	8,040	525	6.1
Lancaster County	↑	38,630	36,860	1,770	4.6	38,264	36,766	1,498	3.9	37,873	35,766	2,107	5.6
Florence County	↑	67,345	64,348	2,997	4.5	66,822	64,217	2,605	3.9	66,103	62,426	3,677	5.6
Greenwood County	↑	31,561	30,135	1,426	4.5	31,248	30,004	1,244	4.0	31,686	29,958	1,728	5.5
Kershaw County	↑	29,683	28,356	1,327	4.5	29,288	28,146	1,142	3.9	29,476	27,829	1,647	5.6
Chesterfield County	↑	22,407	21,422	985	4.4	22,071	21,246	825	3.7	22,366	21,167	1,199	5.4
Edgefield County	↑	10,935	10,458	477	4.4	10,710	10,287	423	3.9	10,969	10,317	652	5.9
Oconee County	↑	34,963	33,410	1,553	4.4	34,441	33,208	1,233	3.6	35,136	33,191	1,945	5.5
Horry County	↑	149,477	143,031	6,446	4.3	146,439	140,676	5,763	3.9	147,075	139,313	7,762	5.3
Pickens County	↑	57,225	54,753	2,472	4.3	56,677	54,658	2,019	3.6	57,255	54,018	3,237	5.7
Laurens County	↑	30,661	29,370	1,291	4.2	30,367	29,258	1,109	3.7	30,667	28,991	1,676	5.5
Richland County	↑	203,382	194,746	8,636	4.2	201,340	194,056	7,284	3.6	201,625	190,955	10,670	5.3
Spartanburg County	↑	145,638	139,607	6,031	4.1	144,210	139,292	4,918	3.4	143,734	136,243	7,491	5.2
Aiken County	↑	75,566	72,507	3,059	4.0	74,255	71,703	2,552	3.4	75,439	71,455	3,984	5.3
Anderson County	↑	90,292	86,725	3,567	4.0	89,540	86,525	3,015	3.4	90,130	85,599	4,531	5.0
Beaufort County	↑	75,849	72,842	3,007	4.0	73,898	71,394	2,504	3.4	75,161	71,435	3,726	5.0
York County	↑	133,543	128,216	5,327	4.0	132,575	128,086	4,489	3.4	130,769	124,328	6,441	4.9
Berkeley County	↑	97,942	94,206	3,736	3.8	97,052	93,854	3,198	3.3	96,924	92,211	4,713	4.9
Dorchester County	↑	76,193	73,301	2,892	3.8	75,447	73,003	2,444	3.2	75,379	71,750	3,629	4.8
Newberry County	↑	19,392	18,656	736	3.8	18,999	18,380	619	3.3	19,471	18,541	930	4.8
Greenville County	↑	248,404	239,246	9,158	3.7	246,697	238,806	7,891	3.2	247,391	236,119	11,272	4.6
Saluda County	↑	9,155	8,815	340	3.7	8,898	8,603	295	3.3	9,128	8,694	434	4.8
Jasper County	↑	12,541	12,088	453	3.6	12,230	11,847	383	3.1	12,424	11,836	588	4.7
Lexington County	↑	149,394	144,021	5,373	3.6	147,722	143,201	4,521	3.1	147,723	141,262	6,461	4.4
Charleston County	↑	208,549	201,274	7,275	3.5	206,550	200,454	6,096	3.0	205,861	196,908	8,953	4.3
Charleston - North Charleston MSA	↑	382,684	368,781	13,903	3.6	379,049	367,311	11,738	3.1	378,164	360,869	17,295	4.6
Columbia MSA	↑	408,812	392,224	16,588	4.1	404,187	390,154	14,033	3.5	405,145	384,728	20,417	5.0
Florence MSA	↑	98,271	93,654	4,617	4.7	97,324	93,348	3,976	4.1	96,599	90,907	5,692	5.9
Greenville -Anderson- Mauldin MSA	↑	426,582	410,094	16,488	3.9	423,281	409,247	14,034	3.3	425,443	404,727	20,716	4.9
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
South Carolina	↓	2,321,592	2,229,882	91,710	4.0	2,328,497	2,231,971	96,526	4.1	2,296,967	2,183,933	113,034	4.9

Current month's estimates are preliminary.

Counties are sorted by current month's unemployment rate in descending order.

↑   Unemployment Rate Up

↓   Unemployment Rate Down

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